r888
R I2413)3RYRRYRRYR
BC-COUP-PROFILE 3 PARIS
SOME 300 FRENCH TECHNICIANS WORKING ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY.
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, PRESIDENT BOKASSA RELENTED AND ADOPTED THE FIRST GIRL.
THE TWO GIRLS MARRIED CENTRAL AFRICANS AT A JOINT SERVICE ON THEIR 20TH BIRTHDAY.
U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM PROTESTED AT HIS TREATMENT OF THIEVES IN 1971; BUT BOKASSA WAS UNREPENTA'
''LET THE THIEVES OF THE WHOLE WORLD GO AND PILLAGE THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE OR THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IF THEY WANT; BUT ON OUR SOIL WE SAY 'NO'!'', HE DECLARED.
WHILE HE RULED FIRMLY AND DECLARED HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR ''LAW AND ORDER'', EMPEROR BOKASSA'S TIME IN OFFICE WAS MARKED BY THREE COUP ATTEMPTS; ONE IN 1973 AND TWO IN 1976.
IN FEBRUARY, 1976, HE ESCAPED AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WHEN A HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN IN HIS DIRECTION AT BANGUI AIRPORT. ONE OF HIS ENTOURAGE WAS KILLED.
MORE 0638

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY NLS DATE 10/25/82
RDS☐ or XDS☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. DEA 0.(3)
ENDORSE EXISTING [illegible] ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☑
RELEASE DENIED☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

r889
R I2420)4RYRRYRIYC
BC-COUP-PROFILE 4 PARIS
EIGHT PEOPLE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S SON-IN-LAW FIDEL OBROU, WERE EXECUTED FOR THEIR PART IN THE ATTACK.
A COUP ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN NOVEMBER, 1976, WHILE PRESIDENT BOKASSA WAS IN ZAIRE. HE RETURNED QUICKLY TO CONTROL THE SITUATION.
ONLY YESTERDAY HIS ELDEST SON GEORGES, EXILED TO FRANCE AFTER A BITTER FEUD WITH HIS FATHER, MADE A PROPHETIC REMARK, THAT THE EMPEROR MIGHT BE OUSTED, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WEEKLY PARIS MATCH MAGAZINE.
HE ADDED: ''IF MY FATHER GOES, THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL SUFFER A BLOODBATH BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FEWER THAN 20 TRIBES WHO CANNOT STAND EACH OTHER. THE WHOLE REGION WOULD BE DESTABLILIZED''.
MORE 0640